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Good afternoon,

Writing to verify some reports I see, but I don't see reflected on the EPA Gold King Mine site.

Can you please verify this, and provide any other details about the investigation into how the spill happened?

"EPA on-scene coordinator Hayes Griswold explained to San Juan County, Colo., officials that an EPA team working at the mine on Wednesday underestimated how much pressure was hidden behind the debris that plugged the mine's entrance."

Separately, I'd like to ask for a comment from EPA on how the agency's cooperation with the Navajo Nation is working. I see that EPA is providing assistance, but at the same time see sharp remarks from the Navajo Nation accusing the EPA of trying to waive their rights to future claims.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Mariano

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